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Tehran

Dated September 28, 1942

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Secretary of State,

Washington.

303, September 28, 7 p.m.

Reference that part of my 293, September 18, which dealt with possibility of Iranian Turkish defensive alliance. Turkish Ambassador informs me British Minister having somehow learned exploratory conversations on subject were being held took question up first with Shah and then with him. British Minister in talk with Ambassador stressed uselessness of Iranian Army and hinted that proposed alliance would be of little value to Turkey. Ambassador gained clear impression British would like to prevent conclusion of the pact. He showed considerable irritation at what he termed unwarranted British interference and said in his opinion will now probably have to be dropped. Stated, however, conversations had not gone beyond local stage and that he had not yet taken matter up with his government.

Repeated to Ankara.

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